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SUBJECT: MOBILIZING INTERNATIONAL HELP IN OUR DEALINGS WITH  
TURKEY ON OPIUM ISSUE

REF: (A) ANKARA 1130; (B) ANKARA 1155; (C) ANKARA 1167;  
(D) BELGRADE 703.

1. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR EFFORTS HERE TO DISSUADE THE  
TURKS FROM RETURNING TO SOME FORM OF OPIUM POPPY  
CULTIVATION IF GOVERNMENTS OTHER THAN OURS VOICED THEIR  
APPREHENSION IN SUITABLE WAYS. THE FORTHCOMING CND  
MEETING PRESENTS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EFFORTS OF THIS  
KIND. IT WOULD SEEM FEASIBLE FOR OUR DELEGATION TO  
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ENCOURAGE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION

FOR TURKEY'S COURAGEOUS AND USEFUL DECISION TO BAN POPPY PRODUCTION AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TO VOICE WHATEVER APPREHENSION THEY CAN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TURKEY LIFTING THIS BAN. THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS HAPPENING HAS BEEN SO PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THE TURKISH PRESS THAT IT MIGHT EVEN BE ODD IF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CND MEETING DID NOT EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT IT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE NOTED THE YUGOSLAV VIEWS (AS REPORTED REF D) SUGGESTING THAT YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT BE SYMPATHETIC TO A TURK RETURN TO OPIUM PRODUCTION, ALTHOUGH UNDER STRICT CONTROLS. FOR TWO YEARS, TURK MFA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TELLING US THAT THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ADVISING THEM THAT THE BAN DECISION WAS A MISTAKE. IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO COUNTERACT SUCH ADVICE AT THIS MOMENT, WHILE THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WHAT IT SHOULD DO.

3. COMMENTS OF THE KIND WE WOULD HOPE FOR WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IF THEY CAME FROM THE GERMANS, THE FRENCH, THE BRITISH, AND THE CANADIANS.

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